

HR 3239

Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2017

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 3, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 1419	Related bill	Jun 22, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S3733-3734)

Summary (as of Jul 13, 2017)

Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2017

This bill amends various provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, including by: (1) expanding the types of actions that would justify a court retaining jurisdiction to prevent a state or political subdivision from using new devices to limit the right to vote; and (2) imposing notice requirements on a state or political subdivision that makes changes to voting procedures, polling-place resources, or district boundaries. The bill also changes the calculation for determining whether a state or political subdivision is subject to preclearance requirements (i.e., requirements for certain jurisdictions to receive preapproval from the Department of Justice or the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia before making legal changes that would affect voting rights).

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 3, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
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